

The side of Andy Fergie

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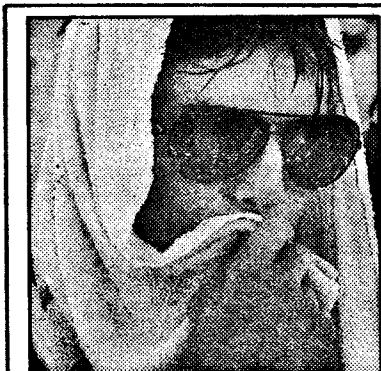
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Sham-rock

WE once asked Black 47's Chris Byrne how he managed to soothe a barful of rowdy patrons with a few notes of his tin whistle. He replied, "It helps if you have a gun." Byrne, a NYC cop who sports the number 47 shaved into the back of his head, didn't need to use whistle or gun Tuesday at the Lone Star Roadhouse, to which fans in and out of uniform had migrated from the band's home base of Paddy Reilly's for St. Patrick's night. As lead singer and Ireland native Larry Kirwan led the still-unsigned band in the rap "Rockin' the Bronx" and the chant "Free Joe Now," record bigs lobbied the band's mentor Ric Ocasek in the balcony. A source close to the band says, "Ric and Larry have produced an album and the major labels have been after it. We've narrowed it down to two."

Grandstander

THERE'S more Tinsel Town action going on at Madison Square Garden than on a Hollywood lot. Last weekend Oscar winner Kevin Costner upstaged St. John's and Georgetown players when he and pals Keith Hernandez and Bobby Zarem sat courtside at the Big East basketball finals. It was Costner's first visit to the Garden. Meanwhile, the leather-clad Knick City Dancers are headed to the gilded West Coast to challenge the Laker Girls on "Family Feud" the week of April 20.



CRUISE: motor mouth

WHEN Tom Cruise squeaks

DESPITE the perks, the drawbacks of being married to one of England's princes are almost more than a girl can bear, an American communications expert says.

The marriage of Prince Andrew and the former Sarah Ferguson may be falling apart like old ermine because Fergie doesn't like living in the royal fishbowl and isn't getting what she needs out of the relationship, says Dr. Lillian Glass, author of "He Says, She Says," about the problems men and women have talking to each other.

Glass, who's worked with politicians and with actors like Dustin Hoffman and Melanie Griffith on how to convey certain images, says the Windsor boys have been brought up to be even less intimate than most men usually are.

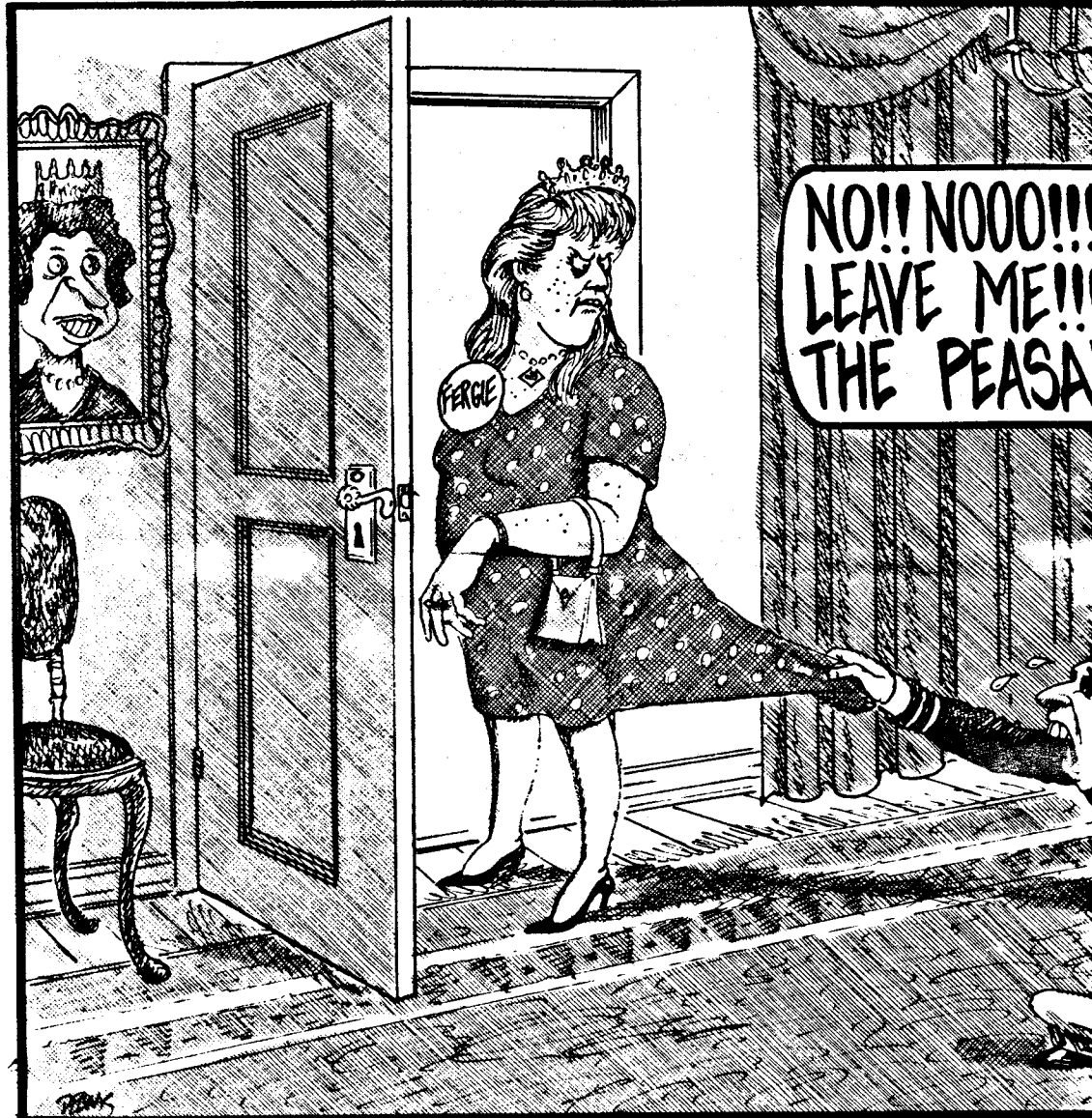
"It's how they've been conditioned," says Glass. "They have to act a certain way because there's a whole lineage to think about. They were raised by nannies, and I understand they had to make appointments to see

their mother. There's a lot of distance there, and you wonder if ... the same distance applies to the way they communicate with their wives. Sarah Ferguson is a very open person, and maybe she wanted reassurance and warmth and wasn't getting what she wanted."

Fergie has never been a favorite of Britain's press, which has labeled her loud, crude, and a bad mother to her two daughters. But in January things came to a head when the Daily Mail reported that it had received photographs — which it turned over to police — showing Fergie arm-in-arm with Texas oilman Steve Wyatt while on vacation in Morocco.

Glass surmises that Fergie's recent outlandish behavior, including pitching popcorn on her flight from the States back to Britain, was a way of "acting out" her frustration.

In her book, out from G.P. Putnam's Sons this summer, Glass analyzes a taped phone conversation said to have taken place between those other rocky royals, Prince Charles and



Heard, unseen

"BROOKLYN Bridge's" Danny Gerard probably wishes he was in a scene from "Peter Pan" instead of a real-life imitation of Menudo.

Word is that after playing the lead in the two off-Broadway productions that combine to make the Golden Theater's "Falsettos," the feisty 14-year-old's voice cracked and he was replaced by 13-year-

old Jonathan Kaplan. Sound like he was so unhappy about it that he shed tears... For Kool and the Gang lead Gary Brown reached back to roots to find a gorgeous